

maximize their positive impact on democratization.

- Moral and political pressure to increase the Nigerian government's accountability to its own people and to the international community can be applied through Canada's activities in international bodies such as the Commonwealth and the United Nations. The Harare Declaration can provide a framework for accountability on a multilateral level. Conditionality for Canadian support should hinge around a combination of social, political and economic factors in the transition to democracy. Some conditionality is important to ensure transparency and discourage corruption. If possible, positive conditionality should be stressed.
- The role of the Canadian private sector is key in both the present and future contexts. Constructive private sector investment will help support the transition to democracy and provide alternatives to existing 'bad practices' in international investment in Nigeria.
- Canada's development assistance program through CIDA can provide several integrated levels of support:
 - * Immediate, tangible, short-term projects in the areas of infrastructure (transportation, communications, and utilities), education, water, and health can help build citizen confidence in the democratic transition.
 - * Direct, targeted support in poverty alleviation for 'vulnerable groups', particularly women, youth, and minorities in the Niger River delta, were considered immediate priorities.
 - * Support for judicial/constitutional reform, human rights activities (such as human rights monitoring), and for demilitarization (through such mechanisms as capacity-building to assist the army to play a productive peace-time role) were considered as short- to medium-term priorities.
 - * CIDA-funded partnerships between Canadian and Nigerian organizations (for example, church and labour groups, NGOs and CBOs) could provide medium- to long-term capacity development for civil society.
- Canadian sponsorship for an in-depth, multi-sectoral country assessment with CIDA and DFAIT support would be a worthwhile effort. This might involve a group of Canadian representatives from a wide range of formal and voluntary sector organizations visiting Nigeria for an extended period to monitor the transition process and report on the potential for